GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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FORMULATION OF NEW DRUG POLICY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new drug policy in order to allow Multi-national pharmaceutical companies to charge for their branded drugs for a certain period and after that the cost of the drugs will be decided based on a certain formula to be evolved by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the new policy is iikely to be taken in place?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATEfINDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a)to(c): The Department of Pharmaceuticals had prepared a draft National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2011 (NPPP-2011) based on the criteria of essentiality and requirements as stipulated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The draft National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2011 (NPPP-2011) was circulated among the concerned Ministries/Stakeholders. The draft Policy was also available for comments of any other interested person on the Department`s website www.pharmaceuticals.qov.in by 30.11.2011. The view from all the concerned stake holders which have been received are being examined for being submitted to the Group of Ministers. Hence, no time frame can be given.